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- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 02 March 2009.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-9 and 21-25 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-9 and 21-25 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
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DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendment

The amendment filed on 3/2/09 has been considered. Applicant's arguments are deemed to be persuasive-in-part.

Claims 1-9 and 21-25 are pending.

The rejection under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, is withdrawn in view of applicant's amendment.

The rejection of claims 1-4, 8-14, 16-18, 26 and 30-33 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Isakson et al US 5756529 is withdrawn in view of applicant's amendment, but can be re-instated if the amended portion is removed.

The rejection of claims 1-4, 8-14, 16-18, 26 and 30-33 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Talley US 5466823 is withdrawn in view of applicant's amendment, but can be re-instated if the amended portion is removed.

The rejection of claims 1, 5-14, 16-18, 26 and 30-33 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Sherman et al Cancer Research vol. 43 p. 4283 (1983) is withdrawn in view of applicant's amendment.

Response to Arguments

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

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(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 21, 23, 25 remain rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Rehbein et al Journal of Neurochemistry vol. 82 p. 1039 (2002). The reasons for this rejection are record in the paper mailed 11/3/08.

Applicant argues that the reference does not teach the claimed uses and that the specification is clearly directed to low molecular weight compounds. As stated in the rejection, the limitation of the diseases to be treated in the claims is intended use and intended use in composition claims carries little weight. Additionally, the claims are to read in the broadest light possible and "compounds" reads on any compounds. Antibodies read on this broad definition.

Claims 21-25 remains rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Min et al Genes and Development vol. 11 p. 1023 (1997). The reasons for this rejection are record in the paper mailed 11/3/08.

Applicant argues that the reference does not teach the claimed uses and that the specification is clearly directed to low molecular weight compounds. As stated in the rejection, the limitation of the diseases to be treated in the claims is intended use and intended use in composition claims carries little weight. Additionally, the claims are to read in the broadest light possible and "compounds" reads on any compounds. Antibodies read on this broad definition.

New Grounds of Rejection

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

The following is a quotation of the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall contain a written description of the invention, and of the manner and process of making and using it, in such full, clear, concise, and exact terms as to enable any person skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and use the same and shall set forth the best mode contemplated by the inventor of carrying out his invention.

Claims 1-9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. The claim(s) contains subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to reasonably convey to one skilled in the relevant art that the inventor(s), at the time the application was filed, had possession of the claimed invention. THIS IS A NEW MATTER REJECTION.

The newly added limitation of -N+CH-NR5R5, wherein R5 is alkyl is new matter because the definitions on pages 19, lines 20-24 and page 20, lines 25-30 do not support this.

Claim Objections

Claims 1-9 are objected to because of the following informalities: it is not clear what "J" is after the O=S=O group. Appropriate correction is required.

Conclusion

THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL. Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not

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mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Sheela J. Huff whose telephone number is 571-272-0834. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday 6am to 2pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Larry Helms can be reached on 571-272-0832. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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